

HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, RAIPUR

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME– 2023-24

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME:

HNLU invites applications for Admissions into the Doctorate in Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme in Law and Inter-disciplinary studies. The doctoral program at HNLU seeks to provide a forum to the students from legal and inter-disciplinary fields to pursue their academic interests and contribute towards their chosen area of study.

Important Dates:

Issuance of Notification	21 st July 2023
Last Date to Receive Application form	14 th August 2023
All-India Written Entrance Test (Online)	20 th August 2023
Presentation of Research Proposals of the shortlisted candidates	27 th August 2023
Declaration of Result	31 th August 2023
Date of Registration / Admission	8 th September 2023

ADMISSION:

Specialization: The indicative list of Specialization is as follows:

Banking Laws	Corporate Laws	Commercial Laws
International Trade and Investment Laws	Criminal Law	Constitutional Law
Conflict Resolution	Environmental Laws	Family Laws
Human Rights Law	Employment Law	IPR Laws
Public Policy	Gender Studies	International Law
Taxation Laws	International Relations	Law and Sociology
Tribal and Indigenous Law and Policy	International Commercial Arbitration	Cyber Law and Policy

Seat Intake & Reservation

Category	No. of Seats (All India)	No. of Seats (Domicile of Chhattisgarh) *
Scheduled Caste	1	
Scheduled Tribe	1	
OBC*	3	
Unreserved	5	
	10	10
Total	20 (Twenty)	

- *As per the circular issued by the Government of Chhattisgarh No. एफ / 13-3 /2023 / आ.प्र. / 1-3, dated 09/05/2023, the reservation of seats for the ST/SC/OBC will be applicable as per the prevailing reservation rule at the time of admission.
- 5% seats shall be reserved horizontally for Specially Abled Persons (SAP) at the All-India and Chhattisgarh levels according to The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
- 3% seats shall be reserved horizontally for the Dependents of Freedom Fighters (DFF) category of candidates belonging to the State of Chhattisgarh only.
- If a Chhattisgarh domicile candidate qualifies for admission in the regular merit under the All-India category, the candidate shall be considered against the All-India seat only and not against Chhattisgarh domicile seats.
- 30% of seats shall be reserved horizontally for female candidates across all categories of seats.
- The allotment of seats to various CG Domicile category candidates will be made as per the Guidelines issued by the Government of Chhattisgarh from time to time.
- Students who are transferred from other Universities as per the HNLU Ph.D. Ordinance will be considered as admission to Supernumerary Seats.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Candidates with a Master's Degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's Degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions. Candidates with LL.M. or equivalent degrees are eligible to apply for Ph.D. in Law or interdisciplinary Ph.D. However, candidates with other Masters degrees or professional degrees are eligible to apply only for interdisciplinary Ph.D.
2. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, shall be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time.
3. Candidates who have appeared in the qualifying examination but awaiting results are also eligible to apply, provided that the result of the qualifying examination shall be submitted by the candidate at the time of registration, failing which their candidature shall be canceled.

Program Duration: Ph.D. program shall be for a minimum duration of three years from the date of registration and a maximum of six years.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Stage I: Entrance Test (100 Marks)

1. Candidates have to appear for an All-India Ph.D. Entrance Test which shall be for a duration of 2.5 hours.
 2. The entrance test shall comprise of two components:
 - a. Component 01 – Research Aptitude Test – 50 Marks [\[Syllabus\]](#) – Common to all candidates
 - b. Component 02 – Legal Test (for Ph.D. in Law - [\[Syllabus\]](#)) or Allied Discipline Test (for Ph.D. in Law & Inter-disciplinary Studies - [\[Syllabus\]](#)) – 50 Marks
- The candidate needs to score a minimum of 50 % of marks in each component to qualify in the Ph.D. Entrance Test
 - Candidates, who have qualified for UGC NET (Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)/ lectureship) or SLET, shall be exempted from the Entrance Test.

Stage II: Personal Interview

1. Shortlisted candidates including UGC NET (Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)/ lectureship) or SLET qualified candidates will be required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation followed by an Interview before the Committee.
2. Candidates will be assessed on the following parameters:
 - a) The competence of the candidate for conducting the proposed research,
 - b) The feasibility/suitability of conducting the proposed research work at the University,
 - c) The contribution of the proposed area of research towards knowledge creation / up-gradation.

COURSE WORK

1. **Credit Requirement:** After having been admitted, each Ph.D. scholar shall be required to undertake Course Work. The credit assigned to the Ph.D. course work shall be 14 credits for students registered for Ph.D. in law and 16 credits for students registered for interdisciplinary Ph.D.
2. **Course Structure:** The course work shall be completed during the initial three semesters. The course work shall have the following compulsory courses:
 - a. Research Methodology -04 credits.
 - b. Research and Publication Ethics - 02 credits.
 - c. Jurisprudence and Legal Theory- 02 credits. [Compulsory only for students registered for interdisciplinary Ph.D.]
 - d. Teaching Assignments – [Audit Course with 0 credits]
 - e. Literature Review in the area of Ph.D. research - 04 credits
 - f. Research Project Proposal in the area of Ph.D. research – 04 credits

3. **Supervisor:** A Ph.D. student shall undertake research work under the guidance of a supervisor allotted by the RDCU. Allotment of Supervisor shall be based on the availability of seats, the specialization of the faculty, the research interest of the candidates

4. Attendance:

1. Ph.D. scholars shall be required to be present in the University as per the notification issued in this regard.
2. For candidates drawing scholarship/fellowship/stipend or any other monetary benefit from this University or any other organization, attendance is mandatory throughout their registration period and may be allowed to leave the University upon sanctioned leaves, fieldwork, Conferences/seminars etc.

5. Progress Review

1. Candidates selected for the Ph.D. Programme shall submit a Progress Report to the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor in every six months and a mandatory presentation of the progress shall be made before a panel as decided by the RDCU and the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor.
2. The Second or third half-yearly report shall indicate the specific topic of research, along with the final Synopsis in the prescribed format based on the literature survey relevant to the research. The final Synopsis shall be presented before the RDCU for feedback and comments, which shall be suitably incorporated into the Synopsis under the advice of the Supervisor

FEE STRUCTURE

S. No.	Particulars	Amount (in Rs.)
<i>One Time Fee (Payable at Admission)</i>		
1	Admission fee	10,000
2	Coursework and Examination Fee	5,000
3	Caution Money	25,000
<i>Recurring Fee</i>		
1	Semester Fee (Rs. 50,000 per semester) *	1,00,000 P.A.
2	Halls of Residence Charge (Payable per month) **	18,000 P.A.
3	Mess Charges actual***	
4	Retention Fee (Rs. 1000 per semester) ****	1,000

Total	1,59000
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- * Inclusive of Library / IT Infrastructure and other amenities
- ** Payable @ Rs1500/- p.m. for independent room at Ph.D. Scholars wing.
- *** On actual which amounts to approximately Rs. 4200/- p.m.
- **** To be paid for an extension of per semester over and above the stipulated period of completion.

MODE OF PAYMENT

The filled-in form should be sent along with the Application fee of **Rs. 2000/- (Rs.1000/-** in case of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes candidates along with the Caste Certificate).

The following are the University bank account details:

Account Number - 100049358407
Name of Account Holder - Hidayatullah National Law University
Name of Bank - Equitas Small Finance Bank
Branch - Raipur Samvet Shikhar, Rajbandha Maidan Raipur
Account Type - Savings Account
IFSC - ESFB0008001
Branch Code - 008001
MICR - 492756001

MODE OF APPLICATION

For offline mode of application, form can be downloaded from HNLU website. After completion of the application and payment of fee, submit the same through e-mails at account@hnl.ac.in; phdadmissions2023@hnl.ac.in; academic@hnl.ac.in; with the subject line carrying the applicant's name, name of the program and UTR number to facilitate verification. Scanned copy of the duly filled-in application form along with all the enclosures must be submitted. Applications received after the last date shall not be accepted.

In case of queries feel free to reach out on phdadmissions2023@hnl.ac.in

The University reserves the right to revise the pattern of the admission test, procedure for admission, number of seats, and fee structure.

For details refer to HNLU Ph.D. Ordinance available at <https://hnl.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/PhD-Ordinance-16th-Feb-22.pdf>.
